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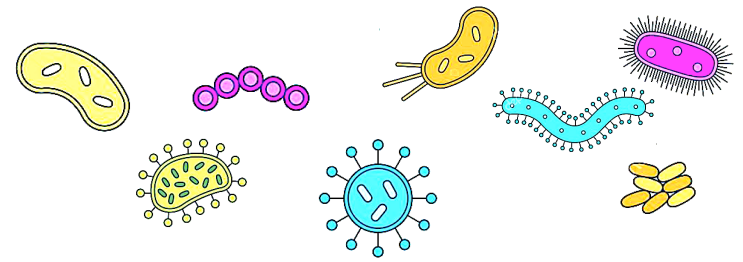


THE 9TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Global Prospects, Local Progress and Eternal Promise for Children's Health

- ***Global Prospects:*** Infectious diseases are a global problem. A variety of pathogens have been threatening children across borders. Pediatricians and researchers should investigate methods of controlling such diseases from a global perspective.
- ***Local Progress:*** Concentrated efforts are needed in endemic areas of infectious diseases, producing significant results that will have an impact on global strategies against these diseases.
- ***Eternal Promise:*** Children are our greatest treasures and a symbol of a bright future. Safeguarding them against infectious diseases and other troubles is the promise we should keep.

Various kinds of pathogens



Since Spanish flu spread around the world just one century ago [[Keynote Speech-2](#)], Asia has been a perennial spring of emerging and re-emerging infections, including Asian flu (1957), Hong Kong flu (1968), H5N1 flu (1996-97), SARS (2002-03), H7N9 flu (2013-) and MERS in Korea (2015) [[Keynote Speech-2](#); [Symposium-1](#)].

Foolishly, we have also created monsters – multidrug-resistant superbugs [[Symposium-3](#)].

Children are still suffering from various old familiar, but unignorable pathogens [[Joint Symposium-1](#); [Symposia-4, 5, 7, 8, and 14](#)], some of which may lead to malignancies [[Symposium-6](#)].

Vulnerable children



Fetuses, neonates and infants are prone to infectious diseases [[Joint Symposium-2](#); [Symposium-2](#)].

Immunocompromised hosts need special consideration because they are too vulnerable to fight even the least virulent microbes [[Symposium-10](#)].

Children who are undernourished or exposed to an unhealthy environment, harsh climate or natural disasters develop infections more frequently and the infections that they develop are more serious [[Plenary Lecture-3](#)].

We need to thoroughly learn about the hosts themselves, especially the immune system, to save these vulnerable children [[Plenary Lectures-2, 4, 5, 6, and 7](#)].

Vaccines

Vaccines are the most powerful of the various protectors of children. The development and distribution of vaccines is one of the most important tasks of pediatricians [[Plenary Lecture-1; Symposia-9 and 12](#)].

Thus, the principles and practice of vaccinology are very important learning topics [[Masterclass in Vaccinology](#)].



Voices



We should also develop human resources, to provide young doctors and researchers, who are responsible for the next generation, with opportunities for learning and discussion [[Advanced Course/Interactive Case Session](#)].

Diversity in Asia is important and advantageous for development. We should listen to a range of voices, especially those of the young generation, in various countries and regions through the activities of this academic society.

Let us also listen to the silent voices of the numerous children in trouble, because we are their advocates. We are the voice of suffering children.



and **V**acation!

Attending an international meeting offers many fun opportunities other than discussing academic issues, including meeting new friends, reuniting with old friends, and visiting wonderful places!

Kyushu Island is full of wonderful places, including my hometown Nagasaki, which is less than 2 hours from Fukuoka by train. You are all welcome!

Enjoy this Congress!

Enjoy your stay in Japan!

